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SUBJECT: SFAX TO OPEN AS TUNISIA'S FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1. FOURTH TUNISIAN AIRPORT--SFAX EL-MAOU--WILL OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN JUNE. IT FOLLOWS TUNIS-CARTHAGE, MONASTIR-SKANES AND DJERBA-MELLITA AS A DEPARTURE POINT FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BY TUNISIAN FLAG CARRIERS.
2. SFAX AIRPORT IS CURRENTLY ONLY USED BY TUNISAVIA, A SEMI-PRIVATE CARRIER WITH SECONDARY DOMESTIC ROUTES AND SERVICE TO MALTA, FOR ITS TWICE WEEKLY TUNIS/SFAX FLIGHTS. FROM JUNE ONWARDS, ACCORDING

TO TUNISAVIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR SLAHEDDINE BAMBAREK, IT WILL FLY THREE TIMES A WEEK TO TRIPOLI AND TWICE A WEEK TO MALTA. (LARGE SHARE OF TRAFFIC EXPECTED TO BE RELATED TO OIL INDUSTRY). AIRCRAFT TO BE USED

ON THESE ROUTES WILL BE 44-SEAT FOKKER 27, WHICH TUNISAVIA ALSO INTENDS
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TO USE ON ANOTHER NEW ROUTE PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER BETWEEN TUNIS AND PALMA DE MALLORCA.

3. TUNIS AIR, THE STATE AIRLINE, HAS NO DEFINITE PLANS YET FOR FLIGHTS USING SFAX AIRPORT. HOWEVER, AS ITS FLEET CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF TEN BOEING 727'S (WITH NO SMALLER SHORTER-HAUL

PLANES) IT WILL PROBABLY, ACCORDING TO THE TUNISIAN CIVIL
AVIATION AGENCY, START BY USING SFAX AS A BASE FOR A NEW
SFAX/PARIS ROUTE.
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